(4) Some Candidates were appointed to the higher posts after selection by the P S.C.

(c) As early as possible.

Appointment of Medical Graduates

858 SRI ANDANAIAH (Kunigal).- Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of Medical Graduates appointed as Assistant Surgeons and Lecturers in the year 1972-73 as Local candidates (communitywar list may be given) ;

(b) the number of Medical Graduates appointed on stipendiary basis (communitywar lists may be furnished) ;

(c) the criteria adopted while selecting candidates for the above posts ?

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Health),—

(a) (i) Assistant Surgeons ... 208
(ii) Lecturers ... 117
(Communitywar information is not available).

(b) Medical Assistants ... 70
(Communitywar information is n t available).

(c) The Candidate should be a Medical Graduate and should have completed the comp lsory rotating house manship certificate. He should have registered his name in the Medical Council and he should be willing to work in rural areas.

Small Scale Industries in Gulbarg District.

791 SRI M. MALLIKARJNA KUARGE (Gurmitkal).—

Will the Ministerof State for Small Scale Indbstries be pleased o state :—

(a) the numder of Small Scale Industries in Gulbarga District ;

(b) the number of such Industries that have received loans from Karnataka Small Scale Industries Corporation in Gulbarga District ;

(c) the steps the Government has taken to improve the Small Scale Industries at Gulbarga ;

(d) the number of Small Scale Industries owned by Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes people in Gulbarga District ?

SRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY (Minister of State for Small Scale Industries).—

(*a*) 369.

(*b*) Karnataka Small Industries Corporation Ltd., Bangalore, does not advance loans.

(*c*) Gulbarga has been declared as an industrially backward district, as a result of which a number of incentives and concessions are available to entrepreneurs of Gulbarga. An Industrial Estate has been established in Gulbarga with 16 sheds The KSIC Ltd., has also established a Raw Material Depot at Gulbarga.

Government have advanced Rs. 6,31,354 to Small Scale Units in the District under the State Aid to Industries Act and have assisted them to obtain over Rs. 25 lakhs as loan from Banks and Karnataka State Financial Corporation.

(*d*) According to available information there are three Small Scale Units owned by Scheduled Castes.

Increas in Prices of Agricultural Materials

803. SRI K. M. DORESWAMY NAIDU (Bethamangala).—

Will the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that electricity charges, prices of manure, iron etc., required for cultivation have doubled ;

(*b*) whether the Government have thought of increasing the prices of levy grains to be purchased by Government in view of the increased cost in the production of foodgrains ;

(*c*) if so, whether the Government proposes to provide propre price to the growers by purchasing any quantity of paddy and other grains at market rates for stocking the food-grains by Government ?

SMT E. E. VAZ (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies).—

(*a*) Yes, increase in price has come to the notice of the Government.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.